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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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INFO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST FRENCH AND ETHIOPIAN EMBASSIES:

A SOMALI VIEW.

REF: (A) MOGADISCIO 1795, (B) ADDIS ABABA 14751

1. SOMALI COUNSELOR GARAD HAS GIVEN EMBOFF APPARENT
OFFICIAL SOMALI LINE RE DEC. 21 DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED
REF. (A). GARAD STATED "AN ESTIMATED 20,000 SOMALIS"
DEMONSTRATED AGAINST FRENCH EMBASSY. HE HAD BEEN TOLD
DEMONSTRATIONS HAD BEEN ORDERLY. AS NOTED IN PARA. 1
REF(A), MAIN PURPOSE OF THE DEONSTRATION WAS TO
PROTEST INCIDENT IN FAI CF REF (B).

2. GARAD SAID ETHIOPIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES ADJOIN
EACH OTHER. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, STUDENTS WERE
INSULTED BY SOMEONE INSIDE THE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY AS THEY
WERE LEAVING THE SCENE OF THE DEMONSTRATION. THIS
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RESULTED IN AN ANGRY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SOMALI

DEMONSTRATORS AND ETHIOPIANS INSIDE THE EMBASSY. AS REPORTED PARA 2. REF. (A), STONES WERE THROWN AND TWO WINDOWS BROKEN.

3. ON DECEMBER 22, ETHIOPIAN MOFA SUMMONED SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO DELIVER A STIFF PROTEST NOTE OVER THE DAMAGE CAUSED AT EMBASSY IN MOGADISCIO. THE NOTE, TEXT OF WHICH WAS REPORTED IN ETHIOPIAN MEDIA, HELD THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DAMAGE CAUSED AND REQUESTED GSDR TO ASSUME FULL OBLIGATION FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIRS. THE NOTE STATED THAT IF THE "UNRULY/ DEMONSTRATION WAS NOT ORGANIZED BY SOMALI AUTHORITIES, IT MUST HAVE HAD AT LEAST THEIR TACIT CONSENT. ETHIOPIAN NOTE ASCRIBES DEMONSTRATION TO EPMG'S SUPPORT FOR TFAI'S UNCONDITIONAL IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE, AND STATES THAT THIS ETHIOPIAN SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE. THE NOTE CONCLUDED, " SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS REFLECT MORE ON THE POLICIES OF THOSE WHO ORGANIZE THEM RATHER THAN THE POLICIES THEY ARE INTENDED TO ATTACK."

4. NO ETHIOPIAN COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE YET BEEN OBSERVED AT THE SOMALI EMBASSY HERE.
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